



**Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary, D-13  
Vice-Chair, House Judiciary Committee**

Vanessa was elected to a second term, in the Maryland General Assembly, to represent District 13, Howard County, Maryland (where she was born and raised) in 2018 and was sworn in on January 9, 2019.

After only having served one term in the Maryland General Assembly, Vanessa was appointed by Speaker of the House Michael Bush to serve as Vice Chair of the Judiciary Committee. In addition to serving as Vice Chair, Vanessa serves as Chair of the Public Safety Workgroup, serves on the Family Law Subcommittee and was elected for a second time in 2019 to serve as Chair of the Howard County House Delegation. Speaker Adrienne Jones appointed Vanessa to serve as Chair of the House's Police Reform and Accountability Workgroup during the 2020 legislative interim.

The Daily Record named Vanessa one of Maryland's "Top 100 Women" in 2020. In addition, the Baltimore Sun named her one of the Top 25 Women to Watch in 2018 and one of the Fresh Faces of Power in the 2019 Maryland General Assembly. For her successful passage of landmark legislation, "The Repeat Sexual Predator Prevention Act of 2018", and continued efforts to protect victims, hold enablers accountable and prosecute predators, Vanessa has received: the 2018 Leadership Award by the Women Legislators of Maryland and the Women Legislators of Maryland Foundation; the 2018 State Legislator Leadership Award from the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City; and was honored on May 10, 2019 by the Baltimore Child Abuse Center as a "Hero."

In the general assembly, she has been successful in passing legislation to keep guns out of the hands of abusers, strengthening prosecutors' ability to convict sexual predators, increasing circumstances under which a protective order may be granted; and, altering how Howard County elects its school board members.

In addition to serving in the Maryland General Assembly, Vanessa serves as Corporate Counsel for KRA Corporation, a company providing workforce development and health consulting services, headquartered in Fulton, Maryland.

Vanessa is a 1993 graduate of Atholton High School, a 1997 graduate of the College of William and Mary, with a B.A. degree in Government and a 2000 graduate from Villanova University School of Law. She resides in Fulton with her family and is a loving Mother to her three young children, Grayson (8), Holden (7) and Victoria (5).